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## EYE WITNESS TO MASSACRES IN ASIA MINOR TELLS GRAPHIC STORY

Describes Most Terrible Scenes Ever Enacted in the District of Adana—Condition of Refugees Pitiable and Heart Rending Many Orphans, Widows and Even Babies Suffering of Severe Wounds—Vali and Authorities Were Powerless to Protect the Unfortunate

Adana, Asiatic Turkey, April 27.—(Via Constantinople)—The Rev. Herbert Adams Gibbons of Hartford, Conn., a missionary of the American board of foreign missions stationed here and at Tarsus, was an eye witness of the scenes of terror and destruction at the center of the massacre, and gives as follows, the graphic story of the series of massacre, rapine and incendiarism:

"The village of Adana has been visited during the past five days by a terrible massacre of Armenians, the worst ever known in the history of the district. The terror has been universal, and the government is powerless to check the disorders. Adana, the capital of the province, has been the storm center.

"Conditions have been unsettled for some time, and there has been animosity between Turks and Armenians owing to the political activity of the latter, and their open purchasing of arms.

"Early last Wednesday morning, while I was in the market, I noticed that the Armenians were closing their shops and hurrying to their homes.

"The sight of the dead and the inhabitants, and crowds at once began to gather in the streets armed with sticks, axes and knives. A few young Armenians assembled in the center of the covered market and began firing revolvers into the air. By 11 o'clock in the morning, the crowd had begun the looting of shops.

"The military commander of Adana was by my side in the market when the firing commenced. He had not the courage to endeavor to disperse the mob; he returned to his residence and did not venture out for two days.

"William Chambers, field secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, and myself, proceeded to the market and found a howling mob demanding arms with which to kill the Gauris. We then went to the telegraph office to summon the British consul. On the steps of the building, we saw three Armenians who had been massacred. Their bodies had been mutilated. While we were in the telegraph office, a mob burst into the room where we were and killed two Armenians before our eyes.

"The unfortunate were supplicating the protection of the Vali when they were struck down.

"We managed to make our way into the next room, where we made representations to the Vali. This official said he could do nothing. He was afraid of his own life, and he made no attempt to protect us. Somehow, we managed to get into the interior of the Konak, where we remained at the side of the government officials for the next 48 hours.

"That afternoon, the situation grew distinctly worse. The Armenians withdrew to their quarter of Adana, which is situated on a hill, and converted their houses, that held advanced positions, into fortresses. Here the fighting went on for three days, during which the Armenians succeeded in beating off their Turkish assailants.

"Wednesday evening, Major Daugherty-Wylie, the British vice consul at Messina, arrived at Adana, and established headquarters in the house of a Dragoman, a wealthy Greek resident, where many refugees had been received. The wife of the British vice consul, who was brought into Adana under fire on Thursday, attended personally many wounded women and children.

"Adana was a hell. The bazaars were looted and set on fire. There was continued and unceasing shooting and killing in every part of the town, and fires raged in many quarters. Moslems from the neighborhood began pouring into the city, and notwithstanding our vehement protests, the Vali distributed arms to these men, all of whom they were Turkish reservists.

"Major Daugherty-Wylie, at the head of troops which he compelled the Vali to supply, went to the rear end of the town and was successful in preventing the villagers from coming to Adana. Later, while the major was attempting to pacify the town, he was shot and disabled.

"Missionaries of the Central Turkish mission had assembled for a district conference in the center of Adana on the day of the outbreak. They received and protected hundreds of refugees in the American seminary for girls, and courageously endeavored to pacify the warring elements.

"On Thursday, Daniel Miner Rogers and Henry Maurer, American missionaries, were killed under treacherous circumstances.

"On Friday, the Armenians yielded, since when there has been little murthering.

"Adana is in a pitiable condition. The town has been pillaged and destroyed, and there are thousands of homeless people here without means of livelihood. It is impossible to estimate the number of killed. The corpses lie scattered through the streets. Friday, when I went out, I had to pick my way between the dead to avoid stepping on them. Saturday morning, I counted a dozen cartloads of Armenian bodies, in one-half hour, being carried to the river and thrown into the water. In the Turkish cemeteries graves are being dug by the wholesale.

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### HE LEARNS SOMETHING ABOUT HIGH FINANCE

New York, April 27.—Although a speculator in Wall street for many years, State Senator Patrick H. McCarron of New York, has learned something he did not know before about high finance. When the receiver for the defunct brokerage firm of Ennis & Stoppani called on him for a settlement of his accounts of \$450,000, the senator said he would pay the amount if the receiver returned to him 2,500 shares of Amalgamated Copper, 2,000 of B. R. T. shares, and 2,000 shares of the United States Rubber first preferred. The receiver was unable to find this stock as it had long ago been disposed of in the market. But accepting McCarron's offer, the receiver went into the market and purchased the required stock at about \$100,000 less than the similar shares had originally cost. McCarron. He thereupon traded the shares for McCarron's check for nearly \$100,000.

On being questioned by the receiver as to any assets of the firm of which he might have knowledge, Mrs. Thomas Ennis, wife of the head of the firm, expressed her willingness to turn over to the receiver, all of her private fortune to pay creditors.

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Grand International Marathon Race May 8.

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Van Vlissingen was brought back to Chicago from prison today, to testify before referee in bankruptcy, Frank L. Wean, who is attempting to locate the said assets of the prisoner. Van Vlissingen declared that, in 1904, he was compelled to confess to Maurice Rosenfeld, at that time a director of the now defunct Chicago National bank, and Bernard Rosenberg, a real estate dealer, that the mortgages held by them, and valued at \$400,000, had been forged.

"They discovered some irregularities in the paper in that year," said the witness, "and came to my office for a conference. I admitted the forgeries, and said, 'I will go before the state's attorney, tell him just what I have related to you gentlemen about these wholesale forgeries, plead guilty and go to prison like a man.' We want our money," they said. "I can't get it," I told them, 'but I must do other things as I have duped you men.'

"We had another conference soon after," continued the witness. "Finally I proposed to settle. I promised to pay them from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a week."

"What became of the forged papers held by these gentlemen that you cancelled?" was asked. "I locked them in my safe," "Did you re-sell them?" "Yes, not all of them though."

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The witness stated that his forgeries had continued for twenty years, but that he did not know the exact extent of them.

"Will they aggregate a million dollars?" "Surely."

"And maybe more?" "Yes."

Asked when his marriage occurred, tears came to his eyes.

"Only two years ago."

"Have you any property of other

assets not accounted for at present?" "No, except my clothing. I had about \$150 when I reached the prison cell at Joliet, but I sent that back to my wife."

"At the mention of his wife, the witness seemed on the verge of collapse, but with great effort managed to control himself."

"I am serving a term in prison for my crime," said Van Vlissingen, "and it is just that I should. It feels good to have the whole thing off my heart and I must tell the truth no matter whom it affects."

OFFICERS DRIVE AWAY WITH THEIR PRISONER

San Francisco, April 27.—W. A. Muir, a former member of the San Francisco stock exchange, who was brought back from London on charges of having defrauded citizens here of various amounts after having successfully sought extradition from Colorado, was formally charged with the counts of felony embezzlement.

Detective Fred, who brought the prisoner from Colorado, said that while the supreme court of that state was considering an appeal in the extradition of Muir, he hustled Muir into an automobile, and, accompanied by Sheriff Nesbitt and a deputy sheriff, armed with shotguns, to repel an attempt to rescue the broker which they had been informed was contemplated by friends, made a spectacular dash through the streets of Denver to a suburban town, where a train for San Francisco was caught.

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